



Gel Candles

Did you ever play with candle wax as a kid? I'll admit it...I was bad. I used to dump it out to make weird shapes and create finger molds. Now that I'm older and wiser I know it was not safe and I could have really hurt myself. Wax is extremely hot and can really burn. But now there's something entirely different...and it's not fun to play with. I'm talking about gel candles.

The liquefied *whatever it is* gets real hot in those holders. They have been known to flare up, spill and splatter. Even worse, some gel candle holders have been reported to shatter and spew hot gel all over. That's exactly what happened to this young lady. A burning gel candle "exploded" and hot gel covered her hand. This photo was taken three weeks after the incident. She has no feeling and may require surgery to get her hand working properly again.

Be extra careful this winter if you're going to use gel candles in your home. Don't play with fire or candle wax/gel and visit www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html to look for gel candle recalls.